

May 16, 2008

Dear

Subject: Employment of Child Labour in Production of Hybrid Cottonseed Farming – migration of children – regarding.

As you know, the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) are having consultations with the State Governments of Rajasthan and Gujarat to ensure that children attend schools and are stopped from migrating from Rajasthan to Gujarat as child labour.

We had a fruitful consultation on 2nd April 2008 in this regard in New Delhi following which an appraisal team from NCPCR visited Dungarpur on 7th - 8th May 2008. I am enclosing a note prepared by the team for follow-up action in Dungarpur District. This was done in consultation with the District Collector and his team of officials.

It is reported that there is a sincere effort being made by the Government to stop children from migrating and working in the ensuing season. It would be advisable if the following support is given from the State level with immediate effect:

1. Sufficient allocation of funds for campaign and advocacy as well as setting up of the residential bridge course camps under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana (SSA);
2. Utilize all the facilities such as NCL, Ashram Schools for children rescued from work and also all out of school children identified through the campaign;
3. Trainings for all the functionaries as mentioned in the enclosed note. In this regard, I would like to suggest that an identified group of officials, members from Gram Panchayats etc. may be sent to M.V. Foundation, Hyderabad for an exposure visit and orientation to all the components of social mobilization.

Kindly inform me the action taken on the above at the earliest.

I would like to further mention that in the meeting of April 2, it was *inter alia* decided that the Government of Rajasthan would facilitate another meeting with the Government of Gujarat as well as NCPCR to review and update on action taken. I would request you to kindly fix an appropriate date and time at the end of June or beginning of July 2008 for the purpose.

With

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Note for follow-up action on field visit made by NCPCR Team (Mr. R. Venkat Reddy, National Convener, MV Foundation and S.K. Ravi, Consultant, NCPCR), along with copy of forwarding letter addressed by Mr. Venkat Reddy to CP, NCPCR

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